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1. NOW THAT OLYMPICS ARE OVER DEPT BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE TO RESPOND TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NOTE OF JULY 6 (REF A). RESPONSE IS DESIGNED TO INDICATE THAT WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT STATIONING OF VESSELS FOR SECURITY PURPOSES AT KINGSTON COMES WITHIN SCOPE OF 1946 INTERPRETATIVE AGREEMENT, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO GOC'S ACTION IN STATIONING THE VESSELS. PLEASE DELIVER NOTE GIVEN PARA 2 BELOW ASAP.

2. QUOTE

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE NUMBER DFR-
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1830 OF JULY 6, 1976, REGARDING THE TEMPORARY STATIONING

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OF FOUR CANADIAN FORCES NAVAL VESSELS AT KINGSTON, ONTARIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN SECURITY TASKS RELATED TO THE 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES.

CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE RUSH-BAGOT AGREEMENT OF 1817 HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AND APPLIED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS POSED BY THE HOLDING OF THE 1976 OLYMPIC EVENTS IN CANADA, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE. THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, DOES NOT VIEW THE 1946 INTERPRETATIVE AGREEMENT CITED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE, CONCERNING THE STATIONING OF NAVAL VESSELS ON THE GREAT LAKES FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND RELATED PROCEDURES REGARDING TIMELY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, AS APPLICABLE TO THE INSTANT CASE, BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MUTUAL TRUST AND COOPERATION WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED THE APPROACH OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO MATTERS RELATING TO NAVAL FORCES ON THE GREAT LAKES, CONCURS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARRANGEMENTS.

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